



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 02 February 2022

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Chairman)

Councillor Peter Latham, Hampshire CC (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Richard Gomer, Eastleigh BC
Roger Bentote, Winchester CC

**Co-opted
Members:** Paddy May, Partnership for South Hampshire

**Also
Present:** Jonathan Evans (Item 6)
Simon Edan (Item 8)
Deborah Whitfield (Item 9)
Simon Kennedy (Item 10)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Malcolm Johnson from East Hants DC, Satvir Kaur from Southampton CC, Elizabeth Lloyd from Havant DC, Malcolm Daniells from Fareham BC and Judith Smyth from Portsmouth CC.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 11 October 2021, be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PFSH BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2022/23 REPORT

At the agreement of the Chairman this item was moved forward on the agenda.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report by John Harrison, Executive Director for Finance and Commercialisation at Southampton City Council which updated the Committee on progress to date against the approved budget, including a forecast outturn for the current financial year. The report also set out the proposed revenue budget for 2022/23.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTES the content of this report;

b) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to:

i. NOTE the budget monitoring position for 2021/22, as set out in the report;

- ii. NOTE that the forecast outturn from the 2021/22 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report;
 - iii. APPROVE the proposed revenue budget for 2022/23, as set out in the report;
 - iv. APPROVE the partner contributions for 2022/23 as show on table 5; and
- (c) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

7. PFSH MANAGER'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PfSH Coordinator, Paddy May, on items of PfSH business which are significant but do not justify a full report, which will be brought to the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTES the contents of the PfSH Co-ordinator's Report;
- a) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to note the matters for information outlined in part B of this report; and
- b) CONSIDERED any comments to pass to the Joint Committee for their consideration.

The Chairman requested that it be noted that thanks be passed to Paddy May for all of his help and extra work Paddy had undertaken in respect of the letter sent to Solent Transport on 03 December 2021.

8. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update in respect of the Greenprint for South Hampshire which updated members on the conclusions of workshops held with sector specialists over the autumn to develop the definitions of the five framework priorities and determine outcomes which will help guide PfSH member local authorities and other partners in collaborating to achieve those priorities.

Members of the Committee suggested that the PfSH Joint Committee ask for more communication be undertaken in promotion of Greenprint as they felt that many local authorities were not aware of this project and the work that is being undertaken.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - i. NOTE the progress on developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire;
 - ii. CONFIRM that it is content with the expanded definitions of the five priorities (at Appendix 1);
 - iii. AGREE in principle the ten outcomes which are proposed as a basis for developing a PfSH-wide approach to a green recovery (at Appendix 3);
 - iv. AGREE that local authority officers and others from partner organisations work together to develop an action plan to achieve the agreed outcomes; and
- c) suggested that the PfSH Joint Committee ask for more communication be undertaken in promotion of Greenprint, and other PfSH work, as they felt that many local authorities were not aware of this project and the work that is being undertaken.

9. SOLENT WADERS AND BRENT GOOSE STRATEGY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a summary report by Deborah Whitfield from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust which is seeking agreement to the continuation of PfSH support for the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy (SW&BGS) and commit to an annual contribution towards the cost of an officer post that will facilitate the delivery of that Strategy.

The Strategy aims to identify, conserve and enhance sites that functionally support the Special Protection Areas (SPAs) of the Solent sub-region, and advise on mitigation for unavoidable impacts. This proposal is aligned to, and complements, the work of the Bird Aware Solent and seeks to benefit local planning authorities by monitoring the impact of development on SPAs.

The Committee requested that the PfSH Joint Committee be informed of their support for the 14K funding contribution towards the creation of an officer post that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the content of this report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - (i) FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 2020 and Mitigation Guidance 2018 (appendix A) as key

reference documents for policy and decision making by PfSH and its partners as appropriate;

(ii) AGREE Solent Waders and Brent Goose Steering Group's request for annual PfSH funding of £14k. The funding will be a contribution to an officer post commencing April 2022 that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects;

(iii) AGREE how the cost of a PfSH contribution to the SW&BGS officer role should be apportioned among the PfSH local authorities; and

c) requested that the PfSH Joint Committee be informed of their support for the 14K funding contribution towards the creation of an officer post that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects.

10. NUTRIENT MITIGATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Officer, Simon Kennedy giving an update on nutrient neutrality in the Solent, specifically to identify the key findings of the work of the Strategic Environmental Planning Officer (SEPO) as well as an update on the report which was previously presented to the Committee on 27 July 2021.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTE the contents of this report;

b) NOTE that the Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the content of the update; and

c) CONSIDERED any comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

11. CULTURAL, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Charles Freeman, Cultural, Creative Industries and Built Environment Lead for PfSH which outlined working future arrangements for the PfSH culture, creative industries and built environment panel.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

a) NOTES the contents of the Future Operation of the Culture, Creative Industries and Built Environment Panel report;

b) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to:

- (i) AGREE the outline approach presented by Southern Policy Centre at annex a. Annex A sets out how support for the Culture, Creative Industries and Built Environment may be determined. Final details of the proposals to then be agreed between Southern Policy Centre and Paddy May as Lead PfSH Co-ordinator;
- (ii) AGREE to proceed with its support for Creative Network South on the basis of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce continuing as host, and until a decision is made on how future support for culture, creative industries and built environment work is managed; and
- c) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

12. PfSH MEETING SCHEDULE 2022/23

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the Head of Democratic Services at Fareham Borough Council appending the schedule of meetings for the PfSH Joint Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23.

The Committee were advised that the recommendation was incorrect and should be that Members will be asked to note that the Joint Committee will be asked to approve the schedule.

Paddy May addressed the Committee on this item to inform them that the next meeting scheduled for March 2022 may be cancelled.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the schedule at Appendix A.

(The meeting started at 10.30 am
and ended at 11:52am).